

In the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0164] on page 52 of the specification with the following paragraph:

-- [0164] Beads comprising an antisense oligonucleotide and bioadhesive agents (sticky beads) were formulated as follows: Oligonucleotide (55% w/w) was combined with polyethylene glycol 3500 (PEG 3500, 15% w/w) using a standard hot melt procedure to form O-P granules which were put through a sieve and particles having a size range of 125-400 um were collected. The OP granule fraction was combined with the bioadhesives polyacrylic polymer (CARBOPOL 934 NF, BFGoodrich, Cleveland, OH) (15% w/w) and hydroxypropylmethylcellulose (METHOCEL E4M, Dow Chemical, Midland, OH) (15% w/w) with or without the lubricants magnesium stearate (Mallinckrodt) and/or colloid silicon dioxide (Cab-O-Sil, Cabot Corporation), then compressed into slugs. The slugs were broken into granules that were put through a sieve and particles having a size range of 200-600 um were collected to produce sticky beads. These beads are sticky due to the presence of the bioadhesive agents on their surface. The lubricants were added to some samples to prevent the granules from sticking together. --